

CITY OF LINCOLN YARD WASTE COMPOSTING PROGRAM

FACT SHEET

From April 1 through November 30 of each year, State law prohibits mixing grass clippings and leaves with household trash headed for the City landfill. Communities disposing of grass and leaves during that time are subject to a fine of \$5,000 per day.

Residents have several options for handling yard waste:

- Separate yard waste collection is available from local waste haulers for a fee.
- Residents can hire a lawn service.
- Waste can be hauled to the 48th Street Transfer Station.
- Residents can mulch and compost their grass and leaves. Backyard composting workshops are held each month, and a schedule is available from the Cooperative Extension Service at 441-7180. A free backyard composting bin is given to each participant in the workshop.

Yard waste is defined as grass and leaves and includes such material as crab grass and pine needles. Tree trimmings, brush and garden waste can be combined with yard waste for those who subscribe to a separate collection, however, the tree trimmings must be smaller than one inch in diameter and be bundles in four- to five-foot lengths. If a person does not subscribe to the separate yard waste collection, this material can be placed with the regular trash.

Those who mix grass and leaves with household trash or who put yard waste into plastic bags instead of paper bags or approved waste containers may have the material left at their curbs with a card of explanation. The only approved containers for yard waste are paper lawn bags,